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Project No. 13636

Mr. J. Ryan Benefield, P.E.
Chief, Hazardous Waste Division
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
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**Subject: Quarterly Status Report Three (October 1st to December 31st, 2009)
Cedar Chemical Company Facility ("the Site")
Helena-West Helena, Arkansas
State EPA ID No. ARD990660649**

Dear Mr. Benefield:

On behalf of ExxonMobil Chemical Company, a Division of Exxon Mobil Corporation and Helena Chemical Company, which comprise the Cedar Chemical Corporation Joint Defense Group ("the Group"), AMEC Geomatrix, Inc. submits the Third Quarterly Status Report (October 1st to December 31st, 2009) summarizing our work efforts for this period.

This status report is being submitted under the scope of work presented to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) on August 8, 2007, and the new ADEQ approved status reporting schedule. Summarized below are the activities completed for this quarter.

Specific Work Completed this Quarter (October 1st to December 31st, 2009)

- On October 7th, 2009, the Quarterly Status Report for July, August and September 2009, was submitted to ADEQ.
- On October 14th, 2009, the Group submitted a response to the ADEQ comment letter dated September 10th, 2009 on the Feasibility Study (FS).
- On October 28th, 2009, the ADEQ issued a second FS comment letter.
- During the period between October 28th 2009 and November 2009, several conference calls between ADEQ staff and Kelly Beck of AMEC Geomatrix (AMEC) occurred to clarify some of the questions in the October 28th, 2009 FS comment letter.
- On December 15th, 2009, the Revised FS was submitted to the ADEQ.
- There were no site activities performed during this quarter.

Work Planned for Next Quarter, January 1st to March 31st, 2010:

General Site Activities

- No site activities are planned for this quarterly period.

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Project Issues Pending:

- None

Regulatory and Legal Issues Pending:

- The FS was the last deliverable under the Consent Order related to site conditions. The only remaining task under the Consent Order is for the parties to agree upon a plan for document preservation, custody, and access. See Consent Order, Section V, Paragraph 17. The Group expects to submit a proposal for document management to ADEQ before the end of February 2010.

Meetings and Conference Calls with ADEQ:

- Telephone calls and electronic communication will occur as needed.

If you have any comments regarding this report, please call me at (512) 330-3404.

Sincerely,
AMEC Geomatrix, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Beck".

Kelly Beck, P.G.
Senior Project Manager

cc: Exxon Mobil Corporation
Helena Chemical Company